



CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 24, 2017

Board Administration

Ongoing Operations

- Four Delta Subvention Program Agreements have been signed by EO Gallagher in February 2017, including work at Merritt Island, Middle Roberts Island, Pescadero District and Bradford Island.
- EO Gallagher signed an FSRP, agreement number: 2016-FSRP-RD2035-01 for the RD 2035 Levee Patrol Road Repair.
- EO Gallagher, Counsel Dua and Acting Chief Engineer Emami continue to meet weekly with DFM Acting Division Chief Koch and the office chiefs. The goal is better communication and collaboration between the Division of Flood Management and the Board.
- EO Gallagher and Acting Chief Engineer Emami participated on Yuba-Feather LMA Conference Calls to discuss the Oroville Dam, and relevant information about reservoir operations to support flood preparedness. The calls also included any outcomes from the Yuba-Feather Forecast-Coordinated Operations (F-CO) conference call, including the Oroville Dam Spillway Updates.
- Participated in the San Joaquin Basin flood coordinating conference call; emergency issues and hydrology updates were discussed.
- CVFPP Investment Strategy Meeting was held on February 3, 2017 and February 17, 2017. EO Gallagher as well as President Edgar and Board member Macdonald attended on behalf of the Board. We were advised that DWR will have the CVFPP Investment Strategy (Strategy) document in hand by late February. The Strategy is intended to augment Chapter 4 in the CVFPP 2017 Update, and will include attachments listing projects and costs identified by the Regional Flood Management Planning groups.
- CC Steering Committee Meeting was held on February 7, 2017. Due to operational needs and the ongoing emergency activations, February's Coordinating Committee meeting was canceled.
- EO Gallagher and Acting Chief Engineer Emami attend the ongoing FOC San Joaquin Basin Flood Coordination Conference Calls discussing reservoir releases and levee conditions on the San Joaquin River.

Recent Developments

- Several Board staff have been activated to assist the FOC during 24 hour operations. Board staff participating in the FOC staffing include: Michael Wright, Gary Lemon, Itzia Rivera, Preston Shopbell and Aaron Harris.
- Board Member Countryman was interviewed by numerous news outlets regarding the Oroville Dam spillway incident. Links to the articles in which he is quoted are attached.

Board News

- Interviews were conducted for the Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch Chief. Thanks to Mary Jimenez from the Flood Planning Office, who spent her day interviewing candidates along with Board Counsel Dua and AO Montgomery. There were several excellent candidates. Senior Engineer Michael Wright was chosen as the new Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch Chief. He will begin his new duties on March 6, 2017 and will be working closely with Environmental Branch Chief Andrea Buckley as the Plan adoption process moves forward.
- The Board is currently advertising for a Senior Engineer for the Plan Implementation and Compliance Branch to backfill the position vacated by Monica Reis. Interviews will be conducted next Friday, March 3.
- The Board will be advertising soon for a Senior Engineer to backfill Michael Wright's position.
- Plan Update news and related content is currently up and active on the Board's website.

Subject: Joe Countryman – Oroville Dam/Flood Interviews Feb 2017

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Joseph D. Countryman, dam expert

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I produce the Arlene Bynon show for SiriusXM. I was hoping to see if Joseph Countryman might be available to join Arlene on her radio program this afternoon discuss the evacuation of approximately 188,000 residents near Oroville, California after a hole in an emergency spillway in the Oroville Dam threatened to flood the surrounding area. Would Mr. Countryman be available at either 1:30 or 2:30pm PT?

Thank you for your consideration,
Frank Trachtenberg

I'm trying to get in touch with Joe Countryman and am wondering if you have a phone number for him or can have him contact me today if possible. I was hoping to talk to him about Oroville dam but also about a story I'm working on about flood insurance – and the possibility of a state-run program as recommended in the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. Please let me know the best way to contact him. Both my numbers are below.

Thanks,
Amy

Amy Quinton, Environment Reporter

Quotes of the Week

By [Marshall Kilduff](#), San Francisco Chronicle

February 16, 2017

“When Congress is less

popular than herpes

& Nickelback, how do 97% of them get re-elected?

Gerrymandering.”

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, defending his reapportionment work

“This administration

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President Trump,

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